

LaFayette House  
Biddeford, Maine

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

District Of Maine

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Josiah T. Tubby, District Officer  
537 Congress Street, Portland, Maine

"LAFAYETTE HOUSE"

Biddeford, York County, Maine

Owner

J. G. Deering &amp; Son

Date of Erection

1795

Builder

Captain Seth Spring

Present Condition

The house has been materially altered and is now used for offices of the owner. Sash were replaced, partitions rebuilt and nearly all of the interior altered. One room, formerly the dining room, has been left in nearly original condition and is used as the office of Mr. Frank C. Deering.

Number of Stories

Three

Materials of Construction

High brick basement. Frame building, clapboarded. Hip roof. Exterior painted yellow with white trim. The house is located on Spring's Island in the Saco River.

Additional Data

Captain Spring, a Revolutionary Soldier, kept a tavern in this house. He also conducted a lumber business on Spring's Island and built a saw mill there.

It is understood that the tavern keeper and General LaFayette were very friendly and that the tavern was named for LaFayette. When LaFayette came to Maine in 1825, he stayed at the tavern.

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